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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

DENG et al.

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For: "PROCESS AND MATERIALS FOR
PRODUCTION OF GLUCOSAMINE
AND N-ACETYL GLUCOSAMINE"

) Group Art Unit: 1652

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) Examiner: Ramirez, Delia M.

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) Confirmation No.: 6652

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) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

) AND RESPONSE TO

) RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement is filed in response to a Restriction Requirement having a mailing date of March 22, 2006. Enclosed herewith is a Request for a one month extension of time, to extend the time for responding from April 22, 2006 to May 22, 2006. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13.